

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ARELIOUS REED,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Case No. 17-10993  
Honorable Linda V. Parker

ARBOR PROFESSIONAL  
SOLUTIONS,

Defendant.

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**OPINION AND ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

On February 28, 2017, Plaintiff initiated this pro se action against Defendant in Michigan state court. Defendant removed Plaintiff's Complaint to federal court on March 29, 2017, asserting original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 based on Plaintiff's allegations that Defendant violated the federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. On April 5, 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion for default judgment pursuant to Rule 55 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because Defendant had not yet responded to the Complaint. (ECF No. 5.)

Defendant, however, moved for an extension of time to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, which the Court granted in an April 6, 2017 order. Pursuant to that order, Defendant's responsive pleading is not due until April 19, 2017. Moreover, a party should not request a default judgment before a default is first requested and

entered pursuant to Rule 55(a). Plaintiff's request for a default judgment therefore is premature.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion for default judgment (ECF No. 5) is **DENIED**.

s/ Linda V. Parker  
LINDA V. PARKER  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 13, 2017

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to counsel of record and/or pro se parties on this date, April 13, 2017, by electronic and/or U.S. First Class mail.

s/ Richard Loury  
Case Manager